



For Immediate Release
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MEDIA ADVISORY
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Hartsfield-Jackson, Delta Air Lines To Host Event for National Autism Awareness Month
Wings for Autism to help children, adults on autism spectrum acclimate to air travel

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials on Wednesday, April 12 will host Wings for Autism, an airport “rehearsal” designed for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and aviation professionals. The event is in partnership with Delta Air Lines, the Transportation Security Administration, The Arc Georgia and The Arc of the Midlands.

The program introduces – and acclimates – autistic individuals to the entire airport experience by allowing them to enter the terminal, obtain boarding passes, navigate through security, and board and tour a Delta airplane. Wings for Autism also gives airport, airline, TSA professionals and other personnel the opportunity to observe, interact with these individuals and deliver services in a structured learning environment.

Wednesday’s event is expected to draw about 100 individuals from the Atlanta area. The individuals range from 10 to 40 years old.

WHO: Roosevelt Council, Jr., General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Erich Ries, Pilot, Delta Air Lines
Stacey Ramirez, Executive Director, The Arc, Georgia Office

WHAT: Wings for Autism event

WHEN: Wednesday, April 12
10-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Concourse E
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
Media to meet and enter through Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal
2600 Maynard H. Jackson Jr. Blvd.
Atlanta, GA 30354

NOTES TO MEDIA: As the event is post-security, media interested in attending **must RSVP to media@atl.com with names and dates of birth of attendees no later than 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 11.** Attendees must arrive at Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal by 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 12.

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 104 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and 70 international destinations in more than 50 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is now in the midst of a \$6 billion capital improvement program, ATLNext, that will modernize the Domestic Terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 440-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, visit www.atl.com.

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